

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A saccharide-derivatized oligosaccharide mixture comprising the extrusion reaction product of a saccharide product having an average degree of polymerization ranging from 1 to 4 with a mixture of malto-oligosaccharides, wherein upon extrusion sufficient heat and work are imparted to said mixture of malto-oligosaccharides and said saccharide to derivatize at least some of said malto-oligosaccharides with said saccharide, the derivitization being catalyzed with an acid.
2. (Previously presented) A mixture according to claim 1, at least about 75% of the malto-oligosaccharides in said mixture having a degree of polymerization greater than 5.
3. (Original) A mixture according to claim 1, said saccharide product consisting essentially of dextrose.
4. (Original) A mixture according to claim 3, said dextrose being in monohydrate form.
5. (Original) A mixture according to claim 1, said saccharide product consisting essentially of a mixture of dextrose and hydrogenated starch hydrolyzate, said product including about 50% to about 95% by weight of said hydrogenated starch hydrolyzate.
6. (Original) A mixture according to claim 5, said starch hydrolyzate being sorbitol.
7. (Original) A mixture according to claim 1, said saccharide product consisting essentially of maltose.
8. (Original) A mixture according to claim 1, said saccharide product consisting essentially of maltotriose.
9. (Original) A mixture according to claim 1, said saccharide product consisting essentially of maltotetraose.
10. (Original) A mixture according to claim 1, said saccharide product comprising a mixture of dextrose and at least one other saccharide.
- 11-33. (Canceled).
34. (Previously presented) A mixture according to claim 1, said malto-oligosaccharide comprising a maltodextrin and said saccharide-derivatized oligosaccharide mixture comprising a saccharide-derivatized maltodextrin.

35. (New) A mixture according to claim 1, the mixture comprising the extrusion reaction product of said saccharide with said mixture of malto-oligosaccharides, said extrusion being performed with an internal sample temperature in the range of 160° to 275°C.